

BUSINESS TAX / TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 23, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Blackburn, Bill Garing, Linda Hussey, Ty Munger, John Resha, Jim Stanton, Sue Stewart

STAFF: Karen Bambans, Don Cairns, Gloria Newby, Erika Vandenbrande

GUEST: Mayor Rosemarie Ives

Welcome by Bill Blackburn, Chair. Mayor Ives also welcomed the Committee and thanked them for their hard work over the past ten years. She reiterated that what the Committee contributes is very important and much appreciated by Council.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Erika Vandenbrande presented the Committee with a spreadsheet outlining the status of TDM projects funded by BT/TI allocations. After reviewing the current programs, the Committee asked how much funding would be required for the core R-TRIP projects to be self sustaining. Staff estimated it would require approximately \$350,000 per year, including staff. Bill Garing noted that he had been skeptical about these projects initially, but has seen the value back to the transportation system and Redmond employers from these programs.

Don Cairns then provided an overview of the capital improvement projects, completed and currently under construction, which were funded by BT/TI allocations. Jim Stanton noted the desire to have information – perhaps a new column – added that provided actual outcomes for all projects.

Staff reported that all of the business tax funds collected through 2004 have been allocated. There is an estimated total of \$7.4 million in unallocated funds for 2005 and 2006. Collections for 2006 are still in progress.

There was a discussion about the selection criteria and whether new criteria should be agreed upon, or continue with the current criteria. The group decided to review the existing criteria at the next meeting. There was also discussion about the adopted

Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and how it potentially affects the criteria and project selection process, with particular emphasis on the philosophical direction of the TMP. The Committee requested a briefing on the contents of the TMP.

In conclusion, the Committee decided to meet monthly to complete an allocation process and make recommendations to Council regarding the business tax beyond the current 2005 – 2006 budget.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ❑ Staff will email an on-line link for the TMP to the Committee.
- ❑ Staff will distribute the selection criteria for review.
- ❑ Staff will consolidate the information about capital and TDM projects into one table and provide additional quantifiable information that relates back to the criteria.
- ❑ Staff will schedule monthly meetings. One suggestion was the fourth Monday of each month.
- ❑ The agenda for the February meeting will be an overview of the TMP relative to the BT/TI criteria and a review of the criteria.